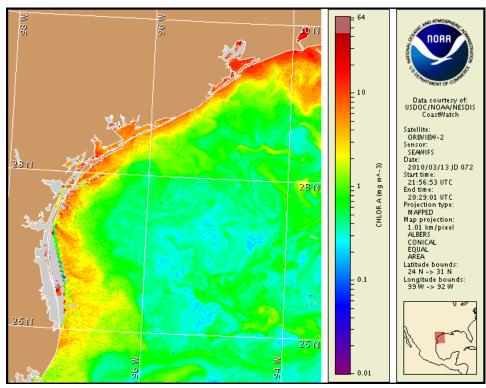


Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Texas
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from March 8 to 10 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue(very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HABFS bulletin guide:

http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

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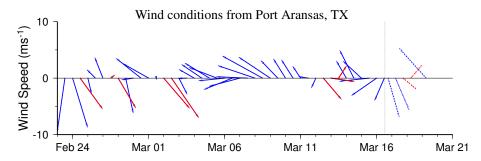
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Conditions Report

There have been no reports of harmful algal blooms in coastal Texas. No impacts are expected.

Analysis

There have been no recent reports of K. brevis. There is an interesting high chlorophyll patch in southern Texas. Image is 3 days old, as more recent imagery has been cloudy. -Wynne, Tomlinson

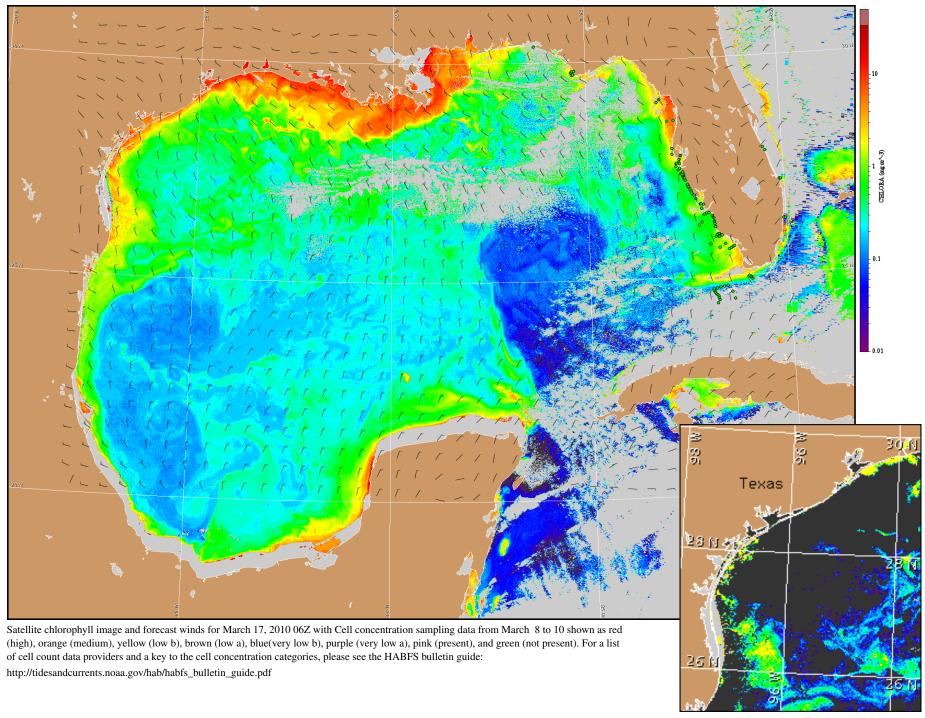


Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

Wind Analysis

North wind today at 10-20 knots. Wednesday NW wind at 10-15 knots. Thursday NE wind at 5-10 knots. Friday SE wind at 10-15 knots. Saturday SW wind at 15-20 knots.

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).